

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicants : Leung *et al.*  
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Examiner : Glen Dawson  
Docket No. : 013341.000021  
Customer No. : 24239  
Title : BARBED SUTURE IN COMBINATION WITH SURGICAL NEEDLE

Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**  
**PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.121**

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment of February 2, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows. Although it is believed no funds are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to debit any extra amount owed or to credit any extra amount paid to deposit account no. 13-4365.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 23 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 24 of this paper.